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<TEXT>On the one hand, Congress and the President claim to lower taxes. On the other hand, you turn around and attempt to increase taxes in a sneaky underhanded way like this--one in which you hope no one will notice.

I do NOT want to pay more for my telephone service! Most of my recent phone bill consisted of various taxes, as it is. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is NOT FAIR!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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